Monday - Meeting at 75 Parkside.

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① That we hear that Mrs. Allen will be replaced - if so that position be frozen until we make the whole thing.

January, 1973

MEMO:

TO: A.B.C.N.J. Officers and Staff
(copies to Rev. Horace Hunt, Rev. Alfonso Roman, Mr. William Emmons)

FROM: Glenn Hatfield

Subject: Up-date on the situation re. the Newark Christian Center and "La Casa de Don Pedro."

1. At the January 9 board meeting of Newark Neighborhood Ministries there were two developments you should know about:

First, Zain Matos having completed his term as chairman of the Board, Bill Emmons was re-elected to that position. (Zain Matos continues as a member of the Board.)

Second, a decision was made that the Newark Neighborhood Ministries and "La Casa de Don Pedro" (the Puerto Rican group with whom we are discussing possible rental of the building) would develop an interim relationship of programming now, without waiting for a decision from the A.B.C.N.J. Council on the N.N.M. request. Accordingly, such relationships are forming under the present structure:

a. The Center is now housing La Casa's Puerto Rican family training program which meets once per week. This is for training in "urban and social dynamics."

b. Mrs. Allen (interim director) has agreed to house their youth tutoring program which will be beginning soon on Sunday afternoons.

c. A sub-committee of the Center is recommending that the Board partition one room in such manner as to house their Information Center. This Center would be for supplying grass-roots Puerto Ricans information about where to get social services and about how to deal with their own needs and situations. (This committee proposal has not yet come before the Board.)

2. As I mentioned earlier the Puerto Rican group was in the process of preparing a written proposal for J.S.A.C. Enclosed herewith is the first draft of that proposal. As you can see, they chose to do as most proposal writers do in projecting their anticipation - in this case both in the budget proposal and in their hope for the rental of our property at the $1.00 per year level.

As you can also see, their plans include their hoped for program at the Center as only one part of their overall proposal. The overall program is "Puerto Rican Ecumenical Institute." The sub-group which we are dealing with is "La Casa de Don Pedro."

I do not know whether or not "La Casa de Don Pedro" plans to submit to us a more specific written plan for their projected activities in the building. Verbally, the group has expressed to board members their hope to have in the building eventually five program components. Three of these are stated above. The other two are a new day care center, and the continuation of neighborhood programming for people in the neighborhood - rather similar to present programming at the Center.

GRH:pf
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